of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks, etc.

Base camps of insurgent groups in bangladesh

*71. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large numebr of insurgent groups operating in different North-Eastern States are having their base camps in Bangladesh;

(b) whether Bangladesh Government has been approached not to give shelter to these insurgent outfits in Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, what has been the response from Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at various levels, most recently during the Foreign Secretary level talks held in Dhaka on 29-30th April, 2003 and during the recent visit of the Extenal Affairs Minister to Dhaka on 14-15th July, 2003 for the 6th meeting of the Joint Economic Commission.

(c) The Government of Bangladesh continues to reiterate its commitment not to allow its territory to be used for activities prejudicial to the interest of India.

Economic growth rate of States

*72. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the economic growth rate per annum in the last one decade in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Jharkhand; and

(b) the utilisation of funds in the above States during the above mentioned period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Economic Growth Rates per annum as indicated by the growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product in the last one decade in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Jharkhand are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The utilisation of plan funds with the above States as indicated by plan expenditure as percentage of Approved Outlays during the above period is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

The Economic growth rate per annum in Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh
1993-94 to 2002-03

Year	Gujarat	Jharkhand	Madhya Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh
1993-94	NA	NA	NA	NA
1994-95	18.0	4.4	2.9	5.8
1995-96	5.5	2.6	6.1	3.7
1996-97	14.2	-1.7	6.5	10.7
1997-98	1.5	23.6	5.0	-0.4
1998-99	6.2	-8.2	6.4	1.8
1999-2000	-0.6	2.4	10.3	5.8
2001-01	2.2	NA	-9.1	3.9
2001-02	NA	NA	7.5	NA
2002-03	NA	NA	NA	NA

NOTE: 1. Growth Rates for the New State Series Data is available only from 1994-95

2. Rate of change of Gross State Domestic Product is taken as the Economic Growth Rate.

3 Figures for Madhya Pradesh does not include figure for Chhattisgarh

4. Figures for Uttar Pradesh does not include figure for Uttaranchal.

Statement-II

Percentage of Utilisation of Plan Funds by Gujarat, Jharkhand , Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh 1993-94 to 2002-03

Year	Gujarat	Jharkhand	Madhya Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh
1993-94	101.62	NA	110.79	116.06
1994-95	89.32	NA	118.50	104.42
1995-96	99.56	NA	99.53	104.56
1996-97	91.18	NA	96.14	107.44
1997-98	86.59	NA	123.85	108.70
1998-99	72.28	NA	98.56	108.10
1999-2000	99.12	NA	103.32	128.76
2000-01	70.82	NA	96.27	88.22
2001-02	100.00	100.00	80.52	122.42
2002-03	78.95	100.00	100.00	100.00

NOTE: 1. Percentage is calculated as a ratio of expenditure to Approved Outlays.
2. Utilisation for 2002-03 is based on Estimated Expenditure over Approved Outlays.
3. Figures for Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh from 2000-01 onwards do not include figures for Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal respectively.
4. The State of Jharkhand came into existence in November 2000. No separate outlay was fixed for Jharkhand for 2000-01.

Diseases due to unsafe atomic power plants

*†73. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the atomic plants in the country are unsafe and the workers engaged in these plants as well as the population residing around these plants is suffering from diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the atomic power plants continue to conceal the facts without responding to the allegations appropriately; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.